Literary Department.

For the VERNUNY PARMER.

To a great artist whom death has summaned from friend and pupil. Farewell, dear master : thou hast led thy flock With tenderest care thus far in truth's bright way; Thou givest God the holy charge this day. And goest to thy heavenly house to knock At gladly opening golden doors. Thy feet Are only waiting now as if to find The verge of life's rough path, thy hands to bind The last sheaves ere the sunset calm and sweet!

Farewell no cupty hope shall mock thee there When thou with thy soft hand shall touch the do-I see them open; and a radiance pours Around thee on the gradient, golden stair; O that I might ascend and stand with threeot for the glories of that raptured sphere

But thine own matchless voice that I might hear, And feel thy love-glance beaming tenderly! PAUL PASTNON

> For the Venyour Pansen. RETROSPECT.

BY SHACE ATHERTON. A cup of bliss was never held Unto my lips to quaff, But unseen hands swept it away With wildly jooring laugh.

My love is like a baneful dew. That casts the pall of death : Is fated by its breath.

I grasp-and grasp. O idle air The phantom flies before, And mockingly the demon rings His laugh along the shore. O fatal wile: O fitful small: Break from me and be gone. O leave me on the desert strand A wasted life, alone. WHITTIER'S HYMN.

Sung of the Opening of the Centennial Exhibiti Our fathers' God : from out whose hand The centuries fall like grains of sand, We meet to-day, united, free. And loyal to our land and thee, To thank thee for the era done, And trust thee for the opening one. Here, where of old, by thy design.

The fathers spake that word of thine Whose colo is the glad refrain Of rended buit and fallen chaln. Fo grace our festal time, from all The sunes of earth our guests we call. Be with us while the Now world creeks The Old world, thronging all its streets. Unveiling all the triumphs won And unto common good ordain This rivalship of hand and brain. Thou who hast here in concord furled The war-flags of a gathered world,

The Orient's mission of good-will.

And, freighted with love's golden fleeco

Send back the Argonauts of peace. For art and labor met in truce. For beauty made the bride of use, We thank thee, while withal we crave The honor proof to place or gold, O : make thou us, through conturies long. In peace secure, in justice strong : Around our gift of freedom draw

The safeguards of thy righteous law, And, east in some diviner mold, Let the new cycle shame the old A Scientific Prediction

From an article by Professor Merrimam on "The Polar Glaciers," we take the following. Lot no one be alarmed, however, Real estate will be worth just as much.

the sun.

there has been a steady accumulation of ice | was of course acquitted on the ground of inmaterial about the south pole, adding weight sanity, and the man is in a fair way to rehas gradually moved to the south, and the all blame, "as no engagement existed be waters fluent and obedient to gravitation tween the parties." In neither of these to project and become habitable.

summers long and sunny. During the period of which the year 11,748 will be the middle our winters will be severer and our summers short. The porthern hemisphere is now lossing to the control of the con

The melting of a mile in thickness of the ice- at liberty to gain her affection who chooses cupola of the south pole would raise the sea Here is the result of that peculiar freedom level at the north pole 300 feet, at London of our American social system of which we 250 feet, and at New York 200 feet. If are so apt to boast. The French demoiscille the whole ice-cupola were removed, and an receives no attention from possible levers equal quantity deposited at the north pole, unless in the presence of her mother or temarctic circle of 1,500 feet; at New York of a fliration with an English girl of respectaconsiderably more than 1,000 feet.

trial revolutions continue, in the course of certainly the mother, who has been her near- of moral and intellectual missionaries. Gen-10,000 years there must come an entire re- est friend since birth. If his behavior isversal of polar conditions. The southern dicates that he is trifling he may look for a waters must be drained off to make the sharp snubbing from the family and a prompt leges, fitted for their work, are not service occans of an opposite hemisphere. New exclusion, and such a punishment would be copies of previously existing institutions, lands, enriched with the sediment of a hun- regarded simply a proper protection and a whether at home or abroad; but, though dred centuries, will rise up to extend the matter of course. borders of the old south continent, and The American girl, on the contrary, is of time not inferior in character and comislands joining together will expand into mainlands. At the same time the northern continents must be in great part submerged, and their summits and ranges become the bleak islands and the bold headlands of a temperatuous ocean. Central Asia, with its tempestuous ocean. Central Asia, with its the evening by a supper in the restaurant, broad table-lands, may still retain the name of a continent, but beyond a few outlying islands there will be no Europe and but little contrades. She finds the friendly, half passage of New Alexanders. They are friends, bons contrades. She finds the friendly, half passage of New Alexanders. of North America left. The Atlantic was signate intercourse more intoxicating than our country, which is to be forever governed ters will stand 500 feet over Lake Superior, direct love-making. She opens the depths by the people; and the great question now and will wash the base of the Rocky Mountains in all their length. A new Gulf Stream may again, as it must often have done be- habitue of the house. In a few months, fore, flow up the valley of the Mississippi, returning the deltas to the prairies, and remarking the beds of the garden of the world. These are no idle or impossible fancies. Not only are they the result of rigorous cal- is graduated by her individual character. culation, but they accord perfectly with the But it is inevitably a liberty. The girl cod: To Restore Flowers .-- Hot water will unmistakable evidences which the ocean has by loving him; the more unworldly, the restore out flowers that are dead by being

hand or breast, so that the least motion will things society offers him; he would be a communicate with an alarm bell, and at this dull fool if when levely Thats is left to sit done if freshly gathered. strange summons the watchmen are prepared to rush to the assistance of the poor soul. gods provide him. Meanwhile American A Southern bookbinder bound up eighteen Tradition says that once or twice this bell society rules that the father and mother of dime novels between Bible covers, and a has rung, and the watchers arrived in season to bear away the half-conscious body, ere it had knowledge of its surroundings.

the girl shalf remain perfectly passive. The preacher carried the book seven miles under this arm to read some compoling passages to a ble husband for their daughter, but they dying woman.

"Procrastination is the Thief of Time."

"Never put off till to-morrow what ought to be done to-day," is an excellent motto, and, if followed, would save a great deal of any kind of business, one must be prompt. It will be found that successful mon in every time by the fore-lock." They are men sharp to bear, and there is a murder or a who appreciate the value of time. Such men as Astor, Stewart and Vanderbilt would never have attained the high positions that they did, if they had not been men of promptitude. They knew when to act, and did not procrastinate. Lord Chesterfield in his Advice to his Son, says, "Whatever business you have, do it the first moment you can; never by halves, but finish it without interruption, if possible." Business must not be sauntered and trifled with, and you must not say to it as Felix did to Paul, "at a more convenient season I will speak to thee." Napoleon, on the occasion of visiting a certain school, said to the assembled pupils: "My young friends! every hour of time is a chance of misfortune for future life." Napoleon owed much of his success in war to the celerity of his movements. He was quick to decide, and in executing; he appreciated the value of time. If his generals had always had as clear a perception of it, he would not have been overthrown. If Ney had not delayed at Quatre Bras, Waterloo would not have been. If Groueby had not staid behind at Waterloo, Wellington would have been cut to pieces. If Bulow and Blucher had been

nore dilatory, Napoleon would have been triumphant. The farmer who procrastinates is, indeed, a thriftless man. He plows late, sows late, plants late, and gathers late, and what he gathers is, consequently, likely to be of poor quality. He is always behind with his work ; his fences are down, his buildings out aspect. And still he wonders why he never has got along in the world. To the young person inspired by the "divine passion," the most pertinent advice would be, do not procrastinate. There are many involuntary "old bachelors" and "old maids" in the world, who owe their situations to the habit It is well never to be in a hurry, for what is done in a hurry is seldom well done, but cause than from prograstination. The active man who chafes under restraiut, and goes ahead with a rush, is more likely to win the battle than the sluggish dullard who is always willing to "put off" things.

GEORGE L. ADAMS. Littleton, N. H.

Modern Marriage.

One or two incidents of recent occurence which appear trivial enough to the casua Owing to its eccentric movement around reader, bear so directly upon a deep rooted the sun, our northern summer is some eight evil of our domestic life that it is worth our days longer than our winter, while in the while to examine into their causes and re-South of course the winter is eight days sults. One is the account of the suicide of longer than summer. This sixteen days a young married woman, "the cause, as un makes much difference, which is emphasized | fortunate attachment;" the other the shootby the additional fact that during the long ling of a gay young fellow by a girl to whom southern winter the earth is the farthest from he had paid attention for several years, but whom he had lately deserted to marry a Thus year after year, for a long period, fairer and wealthier rival. The young lad to that hemisphere. Then as this weight of covery from his flesh wound. The local ice increased the earth's center of gravity papers make haste to exculpate him from have slowly gathered into southern seas, cov- cases was the attachment of a criminal ering the lowlands of the south. At the nature; the women suffered in nothing but same time this transfer of weight from the the matter of feeling, which is so intangible north has drawn the water away from the and weightless a thing in public esteem that arctic regions and left the sea bars and shoals only insanity can excuse the desperate deeds to which it drove them,

But this state of things is not always to go on. The North is not always to bask in the longest summer.

Here is precisely the point to which we wish to call attention. What is the worth of a woman's honorable affections? or has it annual revolutions, has a slow wabbling of sum in dollars and cents as the price of its axis in the heavens. It is precisely as wounded feeling in a case of breach of promone touches the rim of a top in rapid motion, ise; and that to the very women who, by the upper end of the stem describing a small | their coming before the public to set a price circle. So the mighty sun lays hold of the upon their hearts, prove that they have nei-protuberant rim of the great terrestrial top, ther feeling or delicacy to injure. In Amerof 21,000 years. That is to say, on De- affections of a young girl are the only posequally near in 10,500 years from that time, every social law forbid shall be protected by In the period comprising the first case our let us say, to parents of culture and of the ing its great summer. In about 10,000 ure from any contamination of disease, imyears it will be in the midst of its great and purity of thought or vulgar manner. So far terrible winter. Then the southern hemi- the course is rational and commendable, sphere will be full of sunlight and prolonged But from the day when she technically enters society, while she is guarded in other Let us see what would result from this. respects as carefully as before, any man is ere would be a deepening of the sea at the porary guardian; the man who would begin ble family knows that he is passing the tu-Thus it is seen that as certainly as terres- spection of her father, brothers, and most

of her innecent heart to the vulgar, prying to be solved is whether it shall be well-gov-He treats her personally with a liberty that S. Senate. left all over cur land of its recent work and more pure she is, the more likely is she to worn in the dress or carried in the hand. mistake his course as honorable. In the Cut half an inch from the end of the stem,

For the VERNORY FARMER. | have no right to interfere until he formally proposes. If they should ask his intentions according to the rational custom of our forefathers, the girl herself would be the first to rebel, on the ground that she was made rivexation and sorrow. To be successful in ken for her lover. When the friend betakes himself to fresh fields, the woman controls her disappointment as she can, and marries somebody for an establishment or a home; vocation in life, are the men who "seize or, as in the present case, finds her pain too

> suicide, and the usual chatter of insanity. Now, the mistake of which we complain is no sentimental grievance. The public are not likely to weigh the bitterness of loss, the agony which dare not cry aloud of the decerted woman; but they can understand the fraud which she commits who brings to her susband and children wors out affections, stale, hackneyed emotions; the dregs of the woman, in fact, whose real self was given long ago to half a dozen others. It is an with our prosperity than any other, and here we find the reason why one of the parties so often puts in fraudulent capital. There is, not a fashionable circle, not a town or village, in which the records of our domestic life do not bear evidence of this authorized universal custom of flirtation before marriage and Platonic friendship after. Here we find the reason why one of the parties so riage and Platonic friendship after. Here is the secret of indifference of wives and busbands, of their neglect of their children, of the reckless excitement by which they try to forget their bondage, and the divorce and adultery suits by which they end it-New York Tribune.

How to Keep Gold Fish.

The first thing is to purchase a globe Be sure and ask for French plate glass; examine carefully, and refuse those containing flaws or irregularities. If you cannot afford a globe, or wish to experiment, you can procure one of those old-fashioned, widemouthed candy jars. The fish, costing twenty-five cents apiece, you can get of any fancier. Lift your eyes from the tantaliz-ing beauty of the large fellows, and select two not longer than three or three and a half inches. (I am supposed to be stocking a globe holding three quarts of water.) Take a quantity of silver or common white scourof repair, and everything has a dilapidated ing sand, and, after thoroughly cleansing in several courses of water, distribute it on the bottom of the globe to the depth of an inch. Filling the vessel to within half an inch of the top with fresh river water, sink in the sand several or as many pieces of waterplant as your fancy and good judgment dictate, being careful not to crowd the globe, and thus impede the free motions of the inmates. Any pond or running stream conof delaying. It is a just retribution to tains numerous varieties of delicate water many a heartless flirt, and gay young blade. plant, which is absolutely necessary in your globe. Slips or cuttings, when fastened in the sand, will soon send out their lovely little branches, adding greatly to the beauty and there are fewer failures in life from this cleanness of your globe, as well as to the ustenance and longevity of the gold-fish. Several tadpoles-these are the best of scavengers, and, of course, are necessary-a dozen of water-snails, and one or more "dace" will make your outfit complete, and one of come to the most important part of our subjuct, namely, food. Garden worms, not more than three at one time, cut in fine bits, be relied upon in group.

As a pleasant, effective and perfectly safe enthar-Fresh beef in winter is a good substitute. Bread is not at all deleterious, never feed your fish oftener than once in two weeks; and, when you think their appetite is appeared, you must change the water. It is a never failing sign, when the fish will persist in floating around the top in search of air, that the water is impure and the globe needs renewing with fresh water. Never let the fish hang for any great length of time in the sun, and once a day, if possi- CITIATED forthe very center of the ble, let the cool air upon them. When it is team desired to change the water, the immates with the must not be removed with the hands, but and bot

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SLANG .- Miss Alcott has been so especially condemned in England on this score, that it almost becomes necessary that her fellow-countrymen should make her cause a matter for international protest. For much of the criticism is based on that extraordinary theory of our British cousins, that it is they alone who are entitled. as Parson Hugh says, "to make fritters of English." One would think that a child a The earth, in addition to its diurnal and any at all? The courts award a handsome hundred years old might be entitled to some voice in aranging his own vocabulary; but the theory seems still to prevail in some quarters, that all new Americanisms, however indispensable, are slang, and all new Anglicisms, however uncouth, are classic. A good anecdote has lately crossed the ocean, and it begins to oscillate in the long period lican private life, on the contrary, the pure of an American girl who was playing croquet in England, last summer. "What a horrid comber 21, 1248, the earth made its nearest sessions which by common consent are left scratch!" said she indignantly, when her malapproach to the sun, and it will approach totally unguarded, and which custom and let once falled of its duty and she missed her "Oh, my dear!" said an English or in the year 11,748, on the 21st of July. any means whatever. A daughter is born, cousin, "you should not use such slang expressions." "What should I have said?" northern winters are short and mild and our highest social position; she is the center of asked the American. "You might have

with a simple little net made of any thin

material. - Hurper's Bazar.

EDUCATED MEN .- But beyond the calculation of mere dollars and cents, it may be regarded as an axiom that where the masses are educated, there will be a nation of patriots, strongly devoted to the principles of civil liberty and observant of the laws of a stable government. Such men build up and do not tear down. One thoroughly educated man exerts an influence over an entire neighborod, sometimes throughout the state and nation; but the influence of a well-directed college is much more extensive and much ore permanent. The latter is a perennial fountain, always pouring forth a living stream different, are intended to be in the progress eyes; the favored intimate becomes a crued by an educated, vigorous and virtuous people, or be dragged down by the prepondperhaps weeks, he knows more of the secret crance of illiterate and blundering imbecility, feelings, desires, aims of the girl, than her as the conspicuous wreck of the last vai sister or brother or mother who bore her. hope of maukind.—Senator Morrill in U

There are peculiar precautions against burying alive in Munich. All who die, no matter what their rank, are soon taken to the cemetery, dressed in their best, some even in bridal attire, and placed in a reception room. There are wires attached to the bend or best, would be a society offers him; he would be a constant of the stem, but he accepts the intimacy of friendship of the young girl as one of the good this treatment as long as they would have

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